

IN THE SENATE

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102

BY MCGEE

A SENATE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE SENATE AND COMMENDING THE COLLEGE OF IDAHO FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE OF IDAHO, FOR STRENGTHENING THE SCOPE AND ABILITY OF IDAHO'S WORKFORCE AND FOR THE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF AFFORDABLE EDUCATION IN THIS STATE AND DECLARING THE COLLEGE OF IDAHO DAY.

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, The College of Idaho has provided a means of higher education since 1891 when it first opened its doors to 19 students shortly after Idaho's admission to the Union; and

WHEREAS, The College of Idaho has played an integral role in the history of Idaho and has produced great Idahoans such as "Joe" Albertson, R.C. Owens, the Honorable Warren E. Jones, Governor Robert Smylie, and many other Idahoans who have excelled in industry, education and government; and

WHEREAS, professors and students of The College of Idaho have made significant contributions in a number of academic and business-related fields, including, but not limited to, the hard sciences, which has led to meaningful advances in the agricultural and environmental well-being of Idaho's farms, ranches and forests; and

WHEREAS, professors and students of The College of Idaho have made significant contributions to the cultural background of Idaho's population through excellence in fine arts, hands-on study of cultures from around the world and an international student population representing 40 different countries; and

WHEREAS, The College of Idaho has been a reliable source for citizen action in local, state and national governments, an intelligent and ethical workforce with hands-on experience in innumerable facets of Idaho's economy and has provided leaders who have the social and practical skills to participate in the recovery of Idaho's economy; and

WHEREAS, The College of Idaho, with consistent ratings as one of the finest institutions providing collegiate education in the nation, has proven that Idaho can provide education that engages students and equips them with the skills and understanding necessary to flourish in our rapidly changing, diverse and technologically informed world; and

WHEREAS, with the introduction of the PEAK curriculum during this economic downturn, The College of Idaho provides an example of how education can be improved even while costs have to be cut and the pursuit of academic excellence is the best investment that can be made in a democratic society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Senate, assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, to recognize and honor the contributions that The College of Idaho is making to the state of Idaho and to declare January 20, 2010, "The College of Idaho Day."